

## BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

DATE 3/29/88FULL NAME DIETER CATHCART SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_  
(No initials if you can possibly get full name)

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY Maple Shade STATE New Jersey ZIP CODE 08052DATE OF BIRTH 6/23/53 (This is important and should be exact)

APPROXIMATE AGE \_\_\_\_\_ (To be used ONLY when date of birth is not known)

RELIGION \_\_\_\_\_ NATIONALITY \_\_\_\_\_

OCCUPATION Machinist, Philadelphia Naval Shipyard

EDUCATION \_\_\_\_\_

WEIGHT 5' 7" HEIGHT 150 RACE WhiteCOLOR OF HAIR Sandy Blonde COLOR OF EYES \_\_\_\_\_OUTSTANDING CHARACTERISTICS OR INTERESTS Works part-time on horse farm (has own horse)MARRIED OR SINGLE Single CHILDREN \_\_\_\_\_  
(Number, ages, and names, if possible)

NAME OF SPOUSE \_\_\_\_\_

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

UNIT #	CITY	STATE	POSITION	DATE REGISTERED	DATE RESIGNED
T-250	Cherry Hill	NJ	SA	3/75	3/79
T-250	Cherry Hill	NJ	SM	3/79	3/87 (Unit Dr-
T-18	Cherry Hill	NJ	SA	5/87	3/28/88

SPECIAL RECOGNITION \_\_\_\_\_

SUSPENDED OR DENIED REGISTRATION FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:

*See enclosure*SPECIFY THE FACTS WHICH LEAD YOU TO RECOMMEND DENIAL OF REGISTRATION AND LIST ATTACHED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS (STATE ONLY KNOWN FACTS, NOT RUMOR, CONJECTURE OR SPECULATION):

CONFIDENTIAL

FEB 27 1989

F. STARON

RS-509  
4/14/83-nah

NOTED

OCT 18 1989

JOSEPH L. ANGLIM

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

SCOUT EXECUTIVE

Council \_\_\_\_\_

CONF017231

READY FOR FILE

OCT 19 1989

A. GRAVES

October 19, 1989

Mr. Joseph G. DeCanio  
Scout Executive  
Camden County Council, No. 335

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: DIETER CATHCART

Dear Joseph:

Thank you for the detailed information sent concerning the above Scouter. This case has been reviewed with our attorney and is now on our permanent Confidential File.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration Service

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cc: Northeast Region

CONF017232

## Man gets 15 years for molesting scouts

By Ray Rinaldi  
Special to The Inquirer

Dieter Cathcart, a former scoutmaster who admitted sexually molesting three Boy Scouts in his Maple Shade home, was sentenced yesterday to 15 years in state prison.

Cathcart, 35, pleaded guilty in June to one count of aggravated sexual assault and two counts of criminal sexual contact. A former leader of two scouting troops in Cherry Hill, he admitted that he had performed sexual acts on one boy — now age 15 — between January 1986 and April 1987. He also admitted fondling two scouts, one — now 15 years old — in August 1987 and another — now 16 — in February 1987.

"This is a first-degree charge," Assistant Prosecutor Greg Shivers said yesterday after the sentencing. "This is the most serious sexual charge there is."

Cathcart could have been sentenced to 24 years in prison.

Under the sentence, given by Burlington County Superior Court Judge Victor Friedman, Cathcart — who Shivers described as a "classic pedophile" — will serve his time at the Avenel Adult Diagnostic and Treatment Center, a North Jersey prison for sex offenders.

Friedman ordered that Cathcart, who had no previous criminal record, not be paroled for five years. At Avenel, however, prisoners normally serve out the bulk of their sentences.

"At Avenel, he will most likely do 10 to 15 years," said Shivers.

At the time of Cathcart's arrest last September, Burlington County Prosecutor Stephen G. Raymond said Cathcart would "prey on kids who had some problems." Shivers later said that Cathcart had "befriended the three boys, built up their trust and then molested them."

Cathcart served as the master of former Troop 250 from 1979 to 1987. He served as assistant scoutmaster of Troop 18 from 1987 to March of 1988. Both troops are based in Cherry Hill.

*Inquirer correspondent Connie O'Kane contributed to this article.*

READY FOR FILE

JUL 14 1989

A. GRAVES

July 12, 1989

Mr. Joseph G. DeCanio  
Scout Executive  
Camden County Council, No. 335

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Dieter Cathcar

Dear Joe:

We had communication earlier in the year concerning the above named individual. At that time, we received newspaper clippings that indicated he had been charged with sexual abuse.

We would like to know if the legal matters have been completed. We would also like to have the outcome and any sentencing which may have been imposed.

Thanks for your help in completing our file.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration Service

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cc: Northeast Region

CONF017234

READY FOR FILE

FEB 28 1989

A. GRAVES

February 28, 1989

Mr. Joseph G. DeCanio  
Scout Executive  
Camden County Council, No. 335

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Dieter Cathcart

Dear Joe:

Thanks so much for the Confidential Record Sheet and the papers with Mr. Cathcart's signature. These will be most helpful in the identification process.

We still would like the outcome of the legal action if it has been completed. I know these things sometimes take a long time but once this has been completed, we will need the outcome and any sentencing which is imposed.

Thanks for your help in protecting the youth of America.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration Service

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cc: Northeast Region

CONF017235

## ADULT APPLICATION

PLEASE PRINT ONE LETTER IN EACH SPACE—  
PRESS HARD. YOU ARE MAKING THREE COPIES.

☐ PACK NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
☒ TROOP NO. 15 OR \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ TEAM NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ POST NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ SHIP NO. \_\_\_\_\_

☐ COUNCIL/DISTRICT POSITION \_\_\_\_\_

DISTRICT NO. 3 ☒ FULLY TRAINED

FIRST NAME AND INITIAL

LAST NAME

D I E T E R C A T H C H R T

ADDRESS—STREET OR R.F.D.

DATE OF BIRTH

POSITION

06 23 53 SA

ADDITIONAL ADDRESS INFORMATION (if necessary)

MONTH

DAY

YEAR

CODE

BOYS' LIFE

CHECK ONE

SEX

☐ NEW LEADER☒ FORMER LEADER

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CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

MAPLE SHADE NJ 08052-

CIRCLE B OR H

PHONE

DATE

PREVIOUS SCOUTING BACKGROUND

COUNCIL

SCOUT MASTER CAMDEN COUNTY

OCCUPATION, EMPLOYER, AND BUSINESS ADDRESS

SIGNATURE—SEE COVER

REGISTRATION FEE

BOYS' LIFE FEE

TERM (MONTHS)

UNIT RENEWAL DATE

\$ 5.00

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17

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MONTH

YEAR

APPROVAL—SEE COVER

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If applicant has an unexpired membership certificate, registration may be accomplished in this unit by a payment of 50 cents for processing the transfer. Check the box and attach certificate. It will be returned by the council.

FOR COUNCIL USE:

TRANSFER FROM

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COUNCIL

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NAT'L. UNIT NO.

☐

MEMBER ID NO.

## 1. Advancement procedures:

Packs -- After Den Advancement Reports No. 3847 are received from den leaders, this form is completed for the entire pack.

Troops -- All Boy Scouts ready for advancement must appear personally before a board of review composed of at least three members. An Advancement Report must be sent to the council office immediately following each board of review. This report must be signed by at least three members of the board of review, including its chairman.

Explorer -- Explorers should give their advancement applications to their Advisor or Skipper, who in turn takes them to the post committee for approval; then prepares, signs, and forwards this Advancement Report to the council office.

2. Only MEMBERS with unexpired membership certificates can be credited with advancement. Awards are not available to members of units whose charters have expired.

3. Fill in name and only one advancement award or merit badge on each line, but list all of one member's advancement consecutively.

4. List names of Boy Scouts or Explorers who are applying for Eagle or Sea Explorers applying for Quartermaster awards and attach applications to this report.

5. The pack or troop advancement committee member should interview boys who are not advancing. List these boys on bottom of form.

6. No Boy Scout advancement may be earned by female Explorers or by a Boy Scout or male Explorer who has reached the age of 18.

7. Sea Explorers may earn Quartermaster through age 20.

To: Council Advancement Committee

FOR TROOP REPORT Two additional signatures  
are required, plus date board of review was held

BOARD OF REVIEW  
DATE

I certify that the following record of advancement is correct and  
meets the standards and requirements of the Boy Scouts of America.

*[Signature]*  
SIGNED

*[Signature]*  
TITLE

7-5-32

Name	Cub Scout Ranks, Arrow Points Boy Scout Ranks, Merit Badges	Name	Cub Scout Ranks, Arrow Points Boy Scout Ranks, Merit Badges
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16.		BOYS INTERVIEWED WHO ARE NOT ADVANCING	
17.			
18.			

Total different boys \_\_\_\_\_

Qualified for \_\_\_\_\_ awards

FORWARD WHITE AND PINK COPIES TO COUNCIL-KEEP GREEN COPY FOR UNIT FILES

USE PURCHASE ORDER FOR INSIGNIA ON REVERSE SIDE OF WHITE COPY



# Camden County Council Boy Scouts of America

335

175 Ricney Avenue • West Collingswood, New Jersey 08107-2399

609/854-8082

March 28, 1988

Dieter Cathcart

Maple Shade, NJ 08052

Dear Dieter,

After careful review, we have decided that your registration with the Boy Scouts of America should be suspended. We are therefore compelled to request that you sever any relations that you may have with the Boy Scouts of America. A refund of your registration fee is enclosed.

You should understand that BSA membership registration is a privilege and is not automatically granted to everyone who applies. We reserve the right to suspend and/or refuse registration whenever there is a concern that an individual may not meet the high standards of membership which the BSA seeks to provide for American youth.

If you wish to have this decision reviewed by a council review committee, please write to me within 60 days of the date of this letter, explaining your version of the facts supporting your claim that your registration as a BSA member should be reinstated. The procedures for a review of this decision are attached.

Sincerely,

Kevin C. Simmons  
Vice-President

JD/KCS/lmb

cc Joseph G. DeCanio, Council Executive  
Ronald V. Donato, Council President  
George A. Datto, Council Commissioner  
Grace J. Mowatt, Council Registrar



CONF017238



# *Ex-scoutmaster held in molesting of 3 boys*

By Connie O'Kane  
*Special to The Inquirer*

A former Boy Scout master of two Cherry Hill troops was arrested yesterday by Burlington County authorities and charged with sexually molesting three Camden County scouts.

Dieter Cathcart, 35, of Mount Laurel Road, Mount Laurel, was charged with aggravated sexual assault, two counts of aggravated criminal sexual contact and three counts of endangering the welfare of a child.

According to Prosecutor Stephen G. Raymond, Cathcart allegedly molested the three boys between 1983 and March 1988. The boys, who are now 14, 15, and 16, and live in Pennsauken and Cherry Hill, belonged to Troop 18 and former Troop 250.

Cathcart, a farm maintenance worker, was scoutmaster of Troop 250 from 1979 to 1987 and assistant scoutmaster of Troop 18 from 1987 to March 1988.

He was being held last night in the Burlington County Jail after failing to post \$10,000 bail. If convicted of all charges, Cathcart could be sentenced to up to 30 years in prison.

"He had fairly sophisticated selection process where he would prey on kids who had some problems," said Raymond. "It was not everybody within the troop, but just those who he felt he could take advantage of."

Raymond said the sexual assaults took place at Cathcart's former home on Dana Lane in Maple Shade.

"He would befriend the kids — he even knew the parents — and would invite them [the children] to stay overnight," Raymond said.

Raymond said he is investigating whether there were other incidents involving members of the two troops.

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READY FOR FILE

FEB 10 1989

February 9, 1989

Mr. Joseph G. DeCanio  
Scout Executive  
Camden County Council, No. 335

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: DIETER CATHCART

Dear Joe:

We really must have information on the above named individual. I have written several times and received no response.

I am enclosing another confidential record sheet which I would like to have completed so that we can identify Mr. Cathcart. Please complete this with as much information as you have available.

We would also like to have the outcome of the legal action if it is now completed. A newspaper clipping indicating the conviction and sentencing would be all that would be required for this particular piece of information.

Please help us complete this file at this time so that we can protect youth across the country.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration Service

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Enclosure

cc: Northeast Region

CONF017240

December 6, 1988

Mr. Joseph G. DeCanio  
Scout Executive  
Camden County Council, No. 335

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Dieter Cathcart

Dear Joe:

I really hate to keep bothering you, but I must have information concerning the above named individual. A newspaper article indicates that he was charged with sexually assaulting some Scouts. This means that we need the legal action that is taking place and the completion of that including any sentencing which is imposed.

Please complete the enclosed Confidential Record Sheet with as much information as you have available. A copy of a paper with Mr. Cathcart's signature would also aid in the identification process.

Please help us to complete this file, so that we have a case strong enough to refuse registration anywhere in the country.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration Service

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Enclosure

cc: Northeast Region

READY TO FILE  
DEC 06 1988  
ERIN O'RILEY

CONF017241

September 27, 1988

Mr. Joseph G. DeCanio  
Scout Executive  
Camden County Council, No. 335

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: DIETER CATHCART

Dear Joe:

We just received a newspaper article indicating that the above named individual had been charged in sexual assault cases. We had communication with you back in March related to this situation.

We still do not have a Confidential Record Sheet, so I am enclosing another one for your completion. Please indicate each item so that we have a complete record and can identify Mr. Cathcart should it be necessary. A copy of a paper with his signature would be helpful as this aids in the identification process.

We will need the outcome of the legal action once this file is completed. Please keep us informed related to this matter.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration Service

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Enclosure

cc: Northeast Region

READY TO FILE

SEP 27 1988

ERIN O'RILEY

CONF017242

July 28, 1988

Mr. Joseph G. DeCanio  
Scout Executive  
Camden County Council , No. 335

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: DIETER CATHCART

Dear Joseph:

We received a telephone call from you, in early April, concerning the above named individual. It was indicated that this Assistant Scout Master had been charged with child sexual abuse.

We are enclosing another Confidential Record Sheet which we would like to have completed for this individual so that identification will be possible. We would also like to have a copy of an application with his signature, if you have this available.

Please give us statements concerning this matter. We need statements from individuals or court records if this has been taken to trial.

Thanks for your help in completing this file and protecting the youth of America.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration Service

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Enclosure

cc: Northeast Region

CONF017243

# WATS CALL FORM

CALL BACK REQUESTED \_\_\_\_\_

COUNCIL # 335

PHONE NO: \_\_\_\_\_

CALLER: Grace  
De Canio

POSITION: Reg  
SE

TYPE OF PROBLEM \_\_\_\_\_

REGISTRATION \_\_\_\_\_

VETERANS \_\_\_\_\_

EXPLORING \_\_\_\_\_

SCOUTING \_\_\_\_\_

BOYS' LIFE \_\_\_\_\_

UNIT #

DIST. #

EXP. DATE

TRANSMITTAL #

FILM #

30018

#11491

B/4

Dieter Cathcart SA

Dieter Cathcart

Child Abuse (Sexual)

Mother called SE

man made sexual advances

to her son

Boy not in scouting

Sent council

2 CR sheets

3/30/88

Added to CF file 4/5/88 (cm)

Not deleted pending further  
word from council

NAME Claire

DATE 3/30/88

TIME

R/S-433

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CONF017244

Courier-Post

# South Jersey/Classified B

& The Delaware Valley

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1988

## Sex-scoutmaster charged in sex assaults

By TIMOTHY IRELAND  
Courier-Post Staff

**WOMAN HOLLY** — A former scoutmaster for boys in Cherry Hill and Pennsauken is charged yesterday on charges he had sexual relations with at least three of his sons, the youngest being 12 years old at the time.

Robert Cathcart, 35, of Mount Laurel, said he was sentenced to 30 years in jail if convicted on charges of aggravated sexual assault and first-degree criminal sexual contact.

The charges are the result of a child welfare investigation in three incidents in which County Prosecutor Steven Raymond said, "It is possible there is a pattern as seven or eight."

Cathcart, who lived in Maple Shade at the

time, is charged with inviting boys to his home overnight and then having sexual relations with them, Raymond said.

The incidents occurred between 1983 and 1987 and involved boys who were 12 to 16, Raymond said.

Bob Marinucci, field director of the Camden County Council of Boy Scouts of America, said, "To our knowledge, this is the only incident of this kind" involving his council, which has about 130 units in its jurisdiction.

"It's sickening. It's disgusting," he said.

Marinucci said Cathcart was let go as a scoutmaster in March after a parent of a 21-year-old man called to complain of an alleged sexual incident between her son and Cathcart.

The council investigated and then "let-

minated our relationship" with Cathcart, Marinucci said.

Cathcart, a farm maintenance worker who is not married, was scoutmaster of a now-defunct Pennsauken troop from 1979 through 1987. He then served as assistant scoutmaster of a troop in Cherry Hill from 1987 to March 1988.

Raymond's office began investigating the matter earlier this month when a parent of one of the young boys contacted Maple Shade about an alleged sexual assault.

"Most of the incidents took place at his home. He would befriend the kids. He even knew the parents," Raymond said.

"There was sexual contact with two of the individuals and actual penetration with one," Raymond said.

The boys Cathcart is charged with sex-

ually assaulting are now 14, 15 and 16 years old.

"He had a fairly sophisticated selection process. He would prey on vulnerable youths, generally, kids who had some problems . . . kids he felt he could take advantage of," Raymond said.

Marinucci said he was unaware of any of the incidents in which Cathcart is now charged.

He said the Boy Scouts "have a rather lengthy application for any new leader," but that has only been in effect this year.

However, he said, there was a six-step procedure when Cathcart first joined the Boy Scouts.

He said the Scouts have a policy of immediately firing someone charged with assaulting his troop members.

## Baby Doe Adoption ended up

By TIMOTHY IRELAND  
Courier-Post Staff

**DOUBT** — If the mother abandoned her newborn son in West Jersey Hospital, Voorhees, in early Saturday morning is



## PATCO to allow station elevator

By TIMOTHY IRELAND  
Courier-Post Staff

**CAMDEN** — Since the Lindenwood High-Speed Line began operating trains almost 20 years ago, its commuter platforms have been inaccessible to passengers in wheelchairs.

But venturing the Port Author-



Courier-Post

# South Jersey/Classified

& The Delaware Valley

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1988

## Ex-scoutmaster charged in sex assaults

By SUZANNE FATOW  
Courier-Post Staff

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Dieter Cathcart, 35, of Mount Laurel, could be sentenced to 30 years in jail if convicted on charges of aggravated sexual assault, aggravated criminal sexual contact and endangering the welfare of a child. While Cathcart is charged in three incidents, Burlington County Prosecutor Stenta Raymond said, "It is possible there may be as many as seven or eight."

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time, is charged with inviting boys to his home overnight and then having sexual relations with them, Raymond said.

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He said the Boy Scouts have a rather in-depth application for any new leader, but that has only been in effect this year.

However, he said, there was a six-step procedure when Cathcart first joined the Boy Scouts. He said the Scouts have a policy of immediately firing someone charged with assaulting his troop members.